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**AB 1867 (Patterson R) Timber harvest plans: exemption: reducing flammable materials.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/22/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/19/2014

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2014

**Status:** 6/5/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 6/5/2014-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Would authorize the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to exempt from some or all of those provisions of the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practices Act a person engaged in forest management whose activities are limited to the cutting or removal of trees in compliance with existing law relating to defensible space that eliminates the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns for the purpose of reducing flammable materials and maintaining a fuel break for a distance of no more than 300 feet on each side from an approved and legally permitted habitable structure, as provided.

**AB 2031 (Dahle R) Forest resources: timber assessment.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/6/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2014

**Last Amend:** 5/6/2014

**Status:** 5/28/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 5/28/2014-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Current law requires a retailer, as defined according to existing tax laws, to charge the person the amount of the assessment as a charge that is separate from, and not included in, any other fee, charge, or other amount paid by the purchaser. Current law requires the retailer to collect the assessment from the person at the time of sale, as provided. This bill would, for purposes of the above provisions, exclude from the definition of "retailer" a retailer who has total sales of qualified lumber products and engineered wood products of less than \$5,000 during the previous calendar year.

**AB 2048 (Dahle R) Fire prevention fees: state responsibility areas.**

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**Status:** 6/5/2014-Referred to Coms. on N.R. & W. and GOV. & F.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 6/5/2014-S. N.R. & W.

**Calendar:** 6/10/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair

**Summary:** Would delete the definition of "structure" for purposes of the fire prevention fee and instead use "habitable structure," which the bill would define to mean a building that contains one or more dwelling units that can be occupied for residential use, as provided. The bill would also include the definition of "person" and "owner of a structure," as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 2082**    **(Dahle R)    Forest practices: resource conservation standards: stocking standards.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2014    [pdf](#)   [html](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/20/2014  
**Status:** 5/22/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.  
**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** Y  
**Location:** 5/22/2014-S. N.R. & W.  
**Calendar:** 6/10/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair  
**Summary:** Would authorize the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt alternative stocking standards if those alternative standards are necessary to address variables in forest characteristics, as provided. This bill contains other existing laws.

**AB 2112**    **(Dahle R)    Forestry: timber operations.**  
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**Introduced:** 2/20/2014  
**Status:** 5/22/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.  
**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** Y  
**Location:** 5/22/2014-S. N.R. & W.  
**Calendar:** 6/10/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair  
**Summary:** Current law requires a timber harvesting plan approved on or after July 1, 2012, to be effective for a period of not more than 5 years, unless extended as provided. Current law requires the notice of extension to be provided to the department not sooner than 30 days, but at least 10 days, prior to the expiration of the plan. This bill would instead require the notice of extension to be provided to the department not sooner than 140 days, but at least 10 days, prior to the expiration of the plan and would make a conforming change.

**AB 2142**    **(Chesbro D)    State forests: sale of timber.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2014    [pdf](#)   [html](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/20/2014  
**Status:** 5/22/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.  
**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** N  
**Location:** 5/22/2014-S. N.R. & W.  
**Summary:** Would prohibit the sale of timber from state forests to any California manufacturer, or to any person for resale to a primary manufacturer, who within 24 months prior to the bid date sells unprocessed timber, which is harvested from private timberlands and is exported into foreign commerce from this state.

**AB 2184**    **(Chesbro D)    Timber and engineered wood products assessment: forest restoration grants.**  
**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/20/2014    [pdf](#)   [html](#)  
**Introduced:** 2/20/2014  
**Status:** 5/15/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.  
**Is Urgency:** N  
**Is Fiscal:** Y  
**Location:** 5/15/2014-S. N.R. & W.  
**Calendar:** 6/10/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, PAVLEY, Chair  
**Summary:** Would authorize moneys from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund in the State Treasury, upon appropriation, to be used by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide grants to remediate former marijuana growing operations.

**AB 2193 (Gordon D) Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/23/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/20/2014

**Last Amend:** 5/23/2014

**Status:** 5/28/2014-In Senate. Read first time. To Com. on RLS. for assignment.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 5/28/2014-S. RLS.

**Summary:** Would enact the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act and require the Director of Fish and Wildlife to approve a habitat restoration or enhancement project, as defined, if specified conditions are met as determined by the director. The act would create the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Fund within the Fish and Game Preservation Fund and authorize the department to enter into an agreement to accept funds to achieve the purposes of the Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Act and deposit those funds into that account. This bill contains other related provisions.

**AB 2239 (Chesbro D) Forest practices: management plans: change of ownership.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/22/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014

**Last Amend:** 4/22/2014

**Status:** 5/22/2014-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 5/22/2014-S. N.R. & W.

**Summary:** Would, in the event of change of ownership of land described in a nonindustrial timber management plan, require a transferring landowner to notify the acquiring landowner of the existence of the plan and the need to inform the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection if he or she intends to assume the plan. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 2465 (Chesbro D) Burning of lands: private burns.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/21/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014

**Last Amend:** 4/21/2014

**Status:** 6/5/2014-Referred to Com. on E.Q.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 6/5/2014-S. E.Q.

**Calendar:** 6/18/2014 9:30 a.m. - Room 3191 SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, HILL, Chair

**Summary:** Would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, by July 1, 2015, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board and local air districts, to develop a page on the department's Internet Web site that provides certain information relating to prescribed burns, including information on the regulations that govern prescribed burns for forest fuel treatment, and to develop a uniform prescribed burn template to assist a person conducting a prescribed burn, as provided .

**SB 1345 (Committee on Natural Resources and Water) Natural resources.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/27/2014 [pdf](#) [html](#)

**Introduced:** 2/21/2014

**Last Amend:** 5/27/2014

**Status:** 5/27/2014-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on NAT. RES.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Is Fiscal:** Y

**Location:** 5/27/2014-A. NAT. RES.

**Calendar:** 6/16/2014 1:30 p.m. - State Capitol, Room 447 ASSEMBLY NATURAL RESOURCES, CHESBRO, Chair

**Summary:** Would correct an erroneous cross-reference to the regulations describing the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.